



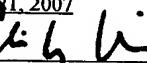
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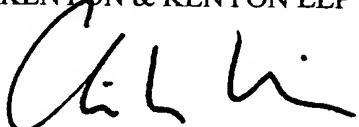
Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application, is a response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.121 dated May 21, 2007.

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment set a one-month period of time for responding. The period of time for responding expires on June 21, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely.

Applicants believe that no fees are due. However, if any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized as appropriate and/or necessary to charge any such fees, or credit any overpayment in connection with this paper to **Kenyon & Kenyon LLP**'s deposit Account No. **11-0600**. A copy of this sheet is enclosed for charging purposes.

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AMENDMENT

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated February 1, 2007 and to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 C.F.R. 1.121) dated May 21, 2007, please amend the above-captioned application without prejudice as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.